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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, September 4,
1809, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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Albemarle Sepr. 4. 09.

Dear Sir

It has been intimated to be by unquestionable authority, that a visit by you to Col. Walker would at this time be consider'd by him, an act of great kindness, & be received with much sensibility You know the wretched condition in which he is, tortured by an incurable disease, which must soon take him from this scene. The idea was suggested to me before I went to Richmond, but it did not appear then to rest on such ground as to justify the communication of it to you. The friend who imparted it to me, has since led the conversation with the utmost delicacy & caution to that topick, & ascertained with certainty that such are Col. Walkers sentiments. I have thought that it would be agreeable to you to receive this information & hasten to give it. It is proper that you should also know that Col. W. proposes to make a visit to Phila. in the hope of deriving some aid from the faculty there, & that the day after tomorrow is spoken of, as fix'd, for his departure. The necessity I am under of going immediately to Loudoun & the preparation incident to the journey will excuse my not communicating this to you in person.

I am dear sir with great respect & esteem your friend & servant Jas. Monroe

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It may be satisfactory to you to know that I recd. the above from Dr. Everett. I mention this in confidence.

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